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Applicant : Murakami et al. Art Unit : 3626  
Serial No.: 09/349,423 Examiner : R. W. Morgan  
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Title : VEHICLE SHARING SYSTEM AND METHOD INVOLVING RESERVE  
VEHICLES WITH HIGHEST STATE OF CHANGE

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Introductory Comments:

In reply to the action mailed April 14, 2003, please amend the application as indicated on the following pages. Claims 1-35 are pending, with claims 1, 2, 9, 19, and 35 being independent. Claims 1, 2, 9, 19, and 35 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Applicant asks that all claims be allowed in view of the amendments and remarks contained on the following pages.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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